



Council Report

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Ms. Natasha Colebrook-Williams, Governmental Affairs Manager *NEW*

Date: February 11, 2014

Re: State of Florida Office of the Attorney General Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to submit an application, and negotiate and execute an agreement between the city of North Miami and the State of Florida Department Office of the Attorney General.

BACKGROUND

The City has requested a grant in the amount of \$52,851 with a required in-kind match in the amount of \$37,028 for a total project cost in the amount of \$89,879 to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual battery, child abuse and child sexual abuse. The grant will be used to retain the victim advocate position.

All deliverables are specified in the contract.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT APPLICATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami ("City") desires to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual battery, child abuse and child sexual abuse with funding from the State of Florida's Office of the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested a grant in the amount of Fifty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$52,851.00) in grant funds with a required Thirty-Seven Thousand Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$37,028.00) in-kind match from the City for a total project cost in the amount of Eighty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$89,879.00).

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are desirous of securing a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the State of Florida's Office of the Attorney General to retain the City's victim advocate position.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Submittal of Application. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the submittal of the City of North Miami's application for a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the State of Florida's Office of the Attorney General to aid victims of domestic violence, sexual battery, child abuse and child sexual abuse.

Section 2. Authority to City Manager and City Attorney. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of North Miami and the State of Florida's Office of the Attorney General for a Victims of Crime Act grant.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2014.

LUCIE M. TONDREAU
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Lucie M. Tondreau	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Carol Keys	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Philippe Bien-Aime	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)

CITY OF NORTH MIAMI
GRANT PRE-APPLICATION FORM
(Exhibit A)

Granting agency: State of Florida-Office of the Attorney General

Project/program title: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

Brief project summary: This is a grant that has been awarded to the City for the past fifteen years. The grant through the Victims Intervention Program funds the Victim's Advocate Position in the Police Department. The Victim's Advocate provides crisis intervention for victims of violent crime with a concentration on domestic violence.

Grant period: 1 year

Grantor contact: Jamie Bailey -- Office of Attorney General

Address: Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management

Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Phone: 850-414-3339

Has the City received this grant in the past? YES **Year** 2012-2013 **Amount** \$52,851

Total project budget: \$89,879

Amount requested: \$52,851

Proposed budget by line item:

Income

Expenses

State of Florida

\$52,851

\$52,851

Required Match

\$37,028

\$37,028

Matching funds and source (including budget code) \$38,504 General Revenue Funds

Major conditions and deliverables: As outlined in the contract.

Prepared by: Carmen Alfonso

Initials:

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Date: 01/29/2014

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PRE-APPLICATION FORM**

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PROJECT/PROGRAM TITLE: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

This is a renewal of the same VOCA grant the City has received for the last fifteen years. The Victim's Advocate funded under this project responds with police officers to assist the victims by providing crisis counseling and tends to the immediate emotional and physical needs of the crime victim. The Victim Advocate coordinates services with other agencies such as: Safespace, The Lodge, The Center for Independent Living, The North Miami Foundation, NANAY etc. to assist in serving the needs of victims. .

Signature:  Date: 1/30/14

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
